

Local Government

Scope of Work

- Two aspects: land use, governance
- Explain linkage between land use, water management, local government
- Local interest in addition to land use – local governments have to implement state programs; funding (2 separate groups)
- Water district water plans being developed without land use coordination
- Expand role of IRWM to get buy-in at local level
- Develop governance strategy – need template or example; come up with sample ordinance and success stories too
- How to address “politics” (e.g. Water Element in General Plan may not happen due to election turnover)
- How to provide more consistency, certainty in outcomes of planning – success stories
- What is the best use of water and what are the land use implications?
- Integrated regional land use plans with regional water plans and EIRs
- Coordinate economic development strategies with availability of water supply
- Governance RMS tied to all of Water Plan – crosscuts RMSs – local government may push back (separate group)
- Integrate local planning into IRWMs
- Increased IRWM
- Shared Vision Planning – set up as process
- Increase state agency awareness of local implementation challenges
- Measure benefits at local level
- Explain long-term benefits of Integrated Resource Management Planning to the shorter-term and perspectives of local government – make the Water Plan relevant
- Increased IRWMP communications (via emails) to local government
- Build water component into General Plans: implement, how-to, what are performance measures
- Include Tribal interests in land use caucuses, consider down-stream effects
- Look at sustainable practices in other counties
- Access DOE funds for land use, water conservation and energy efficiency – there is considerable funding
- Reduce regulatory burdens – streamline and simplify process

Local Government

Goals and Objectives

- Develop tools and share case studies
- Provide exchange of how things work at the state and local level
- Match long-term IRWMP perspective to shorter-term perspective of local government
- Implement land use RMS – performance measures – could be sustainability metrics
- Look at watershed level
- Best practice
- Make recommendations about outdated laws/regulations

Deliverables

- Take land use RMS – what is working/could work at regional level?
- Shared Vision toolkit
- Create tools tailored to different regions
- Case studies, templates for governance

Who to Involve

- Agencies: EPA, OPR, Housing and Community Development, California Energy Commission, US ACE (flood), USBP (M & I policy), Dept. of Food and Ag
- Land use: LAFCO, Councils of Governments, local electeds, local planners
- Al Herson interested in serving as Public AC liaison
- Planning Team members: Tribal AC liaison, League of Women Voters, CBIA, APA, League of Cities, CSAC, AWWA – local public works, realtors, economic interests - Chamber